



June 17, 2021

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RE: Conclusion of Public Comment Period for District Exceptional Event Demonstration
for August 2020 PM2.5 Exceedances due to Wildfires

Dear Ms. Vanderspek,

The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) submitted final documentation to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on May 12, 2021, for exceptional events that occurred in the San Joaquin Valley (Valley) in 2020. Wildfire smoke from the record-breaking wildfires throughout California in 2020 caused unusually high PM2.5, exceeding the 1997 24-hour PM2.5 national ambient air quality standard of 65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at several monitoring sites throughout the Valley. The analyses and data presented in the accompanying document demonstrated that, without the impacts from wildfire smoke from August 20 to August 24, 2020, the Valley would be in attainment of the 1997 24-Hour PM2.5 Standard.

The *Exceptional Event Demonstration for August 2020 PM2.5 Exceedances due to Wildfires* was made available for public comment via the District's website on May 14, 2021 for the 30-day public comment period required per 40 CFR 50.14(c)(3)(v). The 30-day comment period ended on June 14, 2021.

The notice of public inspection and document posting on District website:

http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm#Other Notices

In addition to posting to the District's public website, the public was notified of the document's public comment period via District-managed email distribution lists. Parallel processing occurred under U.S. EPA procedure cited in 40 CFR 51, appendix V, section 2.3, which was required in order for the U.S. EPA to expedite action on the San Joaquin Valley request for a clean data determination of the 1997 24-Hour PM2.5

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Standard. The District received no comments from the public or other parties during the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Gilles of my staff at 559-230-6000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JOlsen".

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San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

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